

Claims:

1. A portable communication device comprising:
 - a display; and
 - a detachable joystick; wherein the portable communication device is adapted
- 5 to receive the detachable joystick, and the detachable joystick provides a user input indicated with the display.
- 10 2. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the detachable joystick comprises a user depressible button.
- 15 3. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the portable communication device is further adapted to store the detachable joystick when not in use.
- 20 4. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the detachable joystick is adapted to indicate desired movement of a cursor on the display.
5. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the detachable joystick is adapted to select an icon on the display.
6. The portable communication device of claim 1, further comprising motion sensors to sense movement of the detachable joystick.

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7. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein an active operational mode of the portable communication device is initiated upon placement of the detachable joystick into the portable communication device.

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8. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein an inactive mode of the portable communication device is initiated upon removal of the detachable joystick into the portable communication device.

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9. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the detachable joystick comprises ink.

10. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the detachable joystick is adapted to indicate movement across the display on a pixel-by-pixel basis.

11. The portable communication device of claim 1, wherein the portable communication device is a cellular phone.

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12. A method comprising:

providing user input to a portable communication device using a detachable joystick.

5 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising moving the detachable joystick, wherein movement of the detachable joystick approximately corresponds to movement of a cursor on a display.

10 14. The method of claim 13, further comprising selecting an icon on the display.

15 15. The method of claim 14, further comprising depressing a button on the detachable joystick.

20 16. The method of claim 12, further comprising inserting the detachable joystick into the portable communication device.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein inserting the detachable joystick enables operation of the portable communication device.

18. The method of claim 12, further comprising initiating a cellular communication with the detachable joystick.

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19. The method of claim 12, further comprising removing the detachable joystick from the portable communication device.
- 5 20. The method of claim 19, wherein removing the detachable joystick disables operation of the portable communication device.

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21. An apparatus comprising:

a processor;

a static random access memory coupled to the processor;

communication module to transmit a wireless communication;

5 a display; and

a detachable joystick to provide a user input indicated with the display.

22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the detachable joystick comprises a

user depressible button.

10 23. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is adapted to store the

detachable joystick when not in use.

15 24. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein an active operational mode is

initiated upon placement of the detachable joystick into the apparatus.

25. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the detachable joystick comprises

ink.

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